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an hour in a 3 per cent solution of tartaric acid. It is asserted that salads so treated and afterwards washed with water are absolutely non-toxic and that their gastronomic qualities are unaffected by the process. It is recorded that the bacilli of pest and of diphtheria are killed in five minutes by a 5 per cent solution of tartaric acid.

The recent studies of Wurtz and Bourger are in point. In these inquiries it was demonstrated that the use of washings of cesspools for manuring truck gardens is perilous to health. Pathogenic organisms thus deposited on vegetables are capable of retaining their virulence for long periods. In France, an official inquiry has been made into this matter and a hygienic commission has confirmed the conclusions of Wurtz and Bourges. The commission was composed of Brouardel, Roux, Wurtz, and Ogier.

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MADAGASCAR.

Plague at Majunga.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a telegram from the consul of the United States at Tamatave, Madagascar, which reads as follows: "Plague Majunga."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,

Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

MEXICO.

Report from Tampico.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, May 23, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report herewith the number and causes of death which occurred in this city for the seventeen days ended May 17, 1902. Malarial fevers (including pernicioso), 11; typhoid fever, 1; tuberculosis (pulmonary and intestinal), 5; puerperal fever, 1; gastro-intestinal fever, 9; pulmonary, 6; cardio-vascular, 2; scrobutus, 1; senility, 2; infantile debility, 1; traumatism, 2. Total, 41.

This information is obtained from the official records, and, as will be noted, no diseases of a quarantinable nature have been reported.

Hereafter I shall report information of the above character to the Bureau every week.

Respectfully,

JOS. GOLDBERGER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

A case of yellow fever at Tampico—Imported.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, June 2, 1902.

One yellow fever arrived from Vera Cruz.

GOLDBERGER.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.